

- b) directing the microdroplets into a freezing vessel containing a liquefied gas, whereby the microdroplets freeze; and
- c) contacting the frozen microdroplets in an extraction vessel with a liquid non-solvent to extract the solvent into the non-solvent thereby forming said microparticles; wherein the freezing vessel and extraction vessel are separated, and the non-solvent is in the liquid state throughout the method.

Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i-ii).

In the Claims

Please add new Claims 19-24.

- 19. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the biologically active agent is dissolved in the mixture.
- 20. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the biologically active agent is suspended in the mixture.
- 21. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the biologically active agent forms an emulsion in the mixture.
- 22. (New) The method of Claim 10, wherein the biologically active agent is dissolved in the mixture.
- 23. (New) The method of Claim 10, wherein the biologically active agent is suspended in the mixture.
- 24. (New) The method of Claim 10, wherein the biologically active agent forms an emulsion in the mixture.